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before and they are being well protected against museum pests. The Section has been fortunate in having aid from a number of its members interested in special branches of entomology. Dr. H. G. Griffith has done excellent work in the rearrangement of the exotic Coleoptera and Mr. Gerhard has worked industriously on the Martindale Lepidoptera. A number of valuable collections have been presented and many small lots of insects. These are enumerated in the list of additions to the museum. It is hoped that the display collection in the museum may be rapidly increased for the benefit of the visiting public. So far as the collections for study are concerned, little is to be desired, as in a number of the orders we have the finest collections of American species in the world.

Ten numbers of the *Entomological News* have been published forming 256 pages and 11 plates. At the meeting of the Section held Dec. 23rd. the following were elected to serve as officers for the coming year:

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Chas. S. Welles.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Philip Laurent.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	E. T. Cresson.
<i>Conservator and Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Henry Skinner.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Wm. J. Fox.
<i>Publication Committee,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	{ J. H. Ridings. C. W. Johnson.

HENRY SKINNER,

*Recorder.*

#### REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Director of the Botanical Section respectfully reports that though the work of the Section has had to be performed almost wholly by the volunteer labors of its members, the general progress of the year has been satisfactory. Much valuable assistance could have been secured in the distribution of various collections awaiting their final arrangement, if the extra rooms had been fitted with the cases referred to in the Conservator's report to the Section which is appended as part of this document. The cost of mounting specimens has been defrayed by the Academy.

Our late lamented fellow member, John H. Redfield, knowing that the time must surely come when the Herbarium and its work would retrograde without the services of a salaried Curator, left his herbarium and library to the Section to be sold for the nucleus of a

fund, the interest of which should go to the care and increase of the collection of plants. These have been disposed of, the Herbarium being secured for \$1,700 by the Missouri Botanical Garden, and the books sold at auction. The fund will be known as the Redfield Memorial Herbarium Fund. The investment now made will yield a small income next year, which will help in the purchase of new collections. No attempt has been made the past year to add to the fund, as it was not thought wise to interfere with the applications of the Academy for aid in other directions.

The Section is free from debt, and has a small balance in its treasury.

The officers for the ensuing year are:

<i>Director</i> , . . . . .	Thomas Meehan.
<i>Vice-Director</i> , . . . . .	Charles E. Smith.
<i>Conservator and Treasurer</i> , . . . . .	Stewardson Brown.
<i>Recorder</i> , . . . . .	Chas. Schäffer, M. D.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> , . . . . .	Jos. D. Crawford.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MEEHAN,  
*Director.*

*Report of the Conservator.*—Notwithstanding the disadvantages under which the Botanical Department has had to work, the result for the past year has been fully up to those preceding.

The mounting of the collections has been steadily carried on through the untiring efforts of the Director of the Section, and is now completed up to Gentianaceæ. It is hoped to have them all properly arranged by the end of the next season.

The Lewis and Clark Collection has been carefully examined by Mr. Thos. Meehan and Professor B. L. Robinson of Harvard College.

There is every reason to expect that before the next report shall be made, the much needed cases for accommodation of the rapidly accumulating material will have been secured. The accessions of the year are recorded in the list of additions to the Museum.

I wish to congratulate the Section on the good work of the year, and to thank all those who have contributed to its performance.

STEWARDSON BROWN,  
*Conservator.*

#### REPORT OF THE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

Ten meetings of the Section have been held during the year with an average attendance of more than nine members.